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TO:

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**Executive Office Board of Supervisors** 

Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM:

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**Executive Office** 

RE:

Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda County Claims Board Recommendation Beau M. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. NC 057 214

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-reference matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

## Board Agenda

### MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Beau M. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. NC 057 214 in the amount of \$1,000,000, plus assumption of the medical liens in the approximate amount of \$275,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Services' budget.

This medical malpractice lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries sustained by Plaintiff when receiving care and treatment at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

#### **CASE SUMMARY**

## INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME

Beau M. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

CASE NUMBER

NC 057214

COURT

Los Angeles County Superior Court

DATE FILED

February 22, 2012

COUNTY DEPARTMENT

Department of Health Services

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT

1,000,000, plus the County's assumption to the

medical liens

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NATURE OF CASE

On January 18, 2011, Beau M., a 6 months old female, was brought to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center to receive treatment for her infection.

In the course of the treatment, Beau M. suffered a cardiopulmonary arrest. She was resuscitated and received necessary treatment.

Beau M., through her Guardian ad Litem, filed a medical malpractice action against the County of Los Angeles and her non-County physician alleging that the defendants' care and treatment was negligent causing her to suffer injuries.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE

\$ 111,680.00

PAID COSTS, TO DATE

\$ 45,730.00